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Community *notes*

Fine Arts, Lovely Crafts in a Great Show

The Slayton House at Wilde Lake Village Center is proud to host the 22nd annual ArtFully Wilde Fine Craft Show. ArtFully Wilde has a unique way of blending a traditional craft show and fine craft gallery for your optimum shopping experience. They offer a wide variety of excellent work done in fiber, metal, wood, glass, ceramic, jewelry and much more!

Plan to stop by on Friday, November 7, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. when you can browse through the wonderful handcrafted items as you enjoy the reception with live music and refreshments, or come on Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and take your time finding that special item you've been searching for. They look forward to visiting with you during the 2014 show, where you can meet and talk with the artists while you shop.

Explore Space by Observation

In collaboration with NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and Howard Community College, Transition Howard County and the Earth Forum are sponsoring a forum: "Changing Landscape: Observations from Space" on Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at HCC's Health Science Building (HSB 150). This forum presents urban, agricultural, and forest landscapes in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed as a result from development and climate change. Look for the Special NASA exhibits on display before and after events. Guest lectures from NASA, US Geological Survey, and University of Maryland and a panel discussion and Q&A with participants from Senator Cardin staff, Maryland Department of Planning, and the Union of Concerned Scientists are part of the program. Attendees are encouraged to pre-register at [the forum's webpage](#).

Greeting

Come celebrate ArtFully Wilde, a sale of contemporary and traditional gifts handmade by a talented group of local and regional artists, this weekend at Slayton House. I showed my work as a young artist many years ago. It was a great way to share my passion for art and make new friends. Hope to see you there!

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Participate in Climate Discussions

HoCo Climate Change invites the public to their new discussion circle starting, "Change by Degrees: Addressing the Climate Challenge", Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., beginning November 6 – December 18 at Wegmans Columbia (second floor). The seven-session discussion will include global warming and explore the big picture of energy. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

FREE Chamber Music Concert

The Columbia Orchestra invites the community to its Free Chamber Concert on Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 6800 Oakland Mills Road. The extraordinary talents of orchestra members will be presented in small ensembles. The concert will feature highlights from Borodin's Second String Quartet, Beethoven's "Serioso" quartet, a Flute Trio by Louise Farrenc and more. This concert is expected to last approximately one hour (without intermission). Open seating. Visit the [website](#) for more information.



21st Annual Symphony of Lights



Symphony of Lights, a 20-minute, 1.4 mile drive-thru spectacle of more than 70 larger-than-life holiday light displays benefiting Howard County General Hospital, opens Monday, November 17 and continues every Wednesday - Monday until Sunday, January 4, 2015 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. (The

display is closed to general admission on Tuesdays and on December 31, 2014.) Visitors can enjoy listening to seasonal music on the Symphony of Lights FM radio frequency.

Additionally, Symphony of Lights offers the following special events:

Dazzle Dash kicks off Symphony of Lights with a run/walk through the lights as well as activities for children of all ages, healthy foods, music, entertainment and giveaways. Dazzle Dash takes place Saturday, November 15, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. for runners only and Sunday, November 16, from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. for walkers only.

Group walks through the lights are perfect for work groups, scout groups, school groups and more. Experience the Symphony of Lights in a group setting by taking a 1.4 mile stroll through the light displays, and make this your group's holiday tradition. Tuesdays, November 18 - December 30. Registration required. Pets are not permitted.

Military appreciation nights on Monday, December 1, and Monday, December 8, offer members of the military with military ID \$10 off the regular price of admission.

Bike the Lights is an opportunity to experience the Symphony of Lights on two wheels at their first annual bicycle event! Bikers of all ages and abilities are welcome to enjoy this leisurely ride, and family and friends may walk with the bikers. Bike the Lights takes place Tuesday, December 2, from 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Tail Lights is a walk through the lights for dogs and their owners on Thursday, December 4, from 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Twinkling Tots is a walk through the lights for families with young children on Tuesday, December 9, from 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. Strollers and wagons are welcome.

Midnight at 7 is a New Year's Eve celebration for families December 31 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and culminating with fireworks at 7 p.m. (weather permitting), early enough for children to join the festivities. The event offers a walk through the lights display and other activities as Symphony of Lights comes to a close.

Admission to Symphony of Lights is \$20 per car or van up to 8 passengers; \$45 for commercial vans and minibuses seating 9 to 24 people; and \$125 for buses exceeding 24 passengers. Tickets can be purchased at the main gate. Tour operators can purchase tickets in advance, and private walk-throughs are also available for groups. Coupons for \$5 off are available at the event [webpage](#) and on [Facebook](#).

Howard County Government Closings for Veterans' Day

Howard County Government offices, courts, senior centers and animal shelter will be closed in observance of Veterans' Day on Tuesday, November 11. However, regular trash and recycling services will be in effect and the landfill will be open. County parks and community centers will be open; however, the Robinson Nature Center will be closed. Regional Transportation Agency's (RTA) will operate on a regular weekday schedule; for more information on RTA, please call 1-800-270-9553 or visit www.transitrt.com. All parking regulations and fees will be in effect on Tuesday, November 11. The 9-1-1 Center, Police and Fire departments remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For emergencies, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, please call 410-313-2200.



County offices will re-open at regular business hours on Wednesday, November 12.

New Exhibit: Presenting...Columbia

Columbia Archives continues to mark the events leading up to Columbia's founding with the opening of a new exhibit, "Columbia It Is! The Plan Revealed."

The public is invited to an open house on Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Archives, 10227 Wincopin Circle in downtown Columbia in the American City Building. Registration is encouraged but not required. To register, visit the [event webpage](#) at EventBrite.

The exhibit features maps and diagrams, such as the first sketch of Columbia shown to Rouse; documents from the work group's deliberations; correspondence and other original documents; and press coverage and public reaction to the plan. It continues until May 2015 and is free and open to the public at Columbia Archives (Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). For more information, check out ColumbiaArchives.org.

Helping Our Neighbors

The Howard County NAACP Youth Council is sponsoring its 5th annual "Fighting Hunger" event on Sunday, November 23, 3:00 p.m. at the Ridgely's Run Community Center, 8400 Mission Road, Jessup. A hot meal is to be served and clothing, toiletries, blankets, shoes and food is to be given to those in need. If you wish to donate clothing, non-perishable food and/or financial support for this event, please call 443-280-1935.



Upcoming Events in the Community

Domino Day

World renowned domino topple expert Scott Suko and a team of local engineering volunteers are joining together to create a dynamic domino topple design through the Maryland Science Center's Legg Mason Gallery. Witness over 12,000 dominoes of different sizes and colors zigzag, spiral, climb up stairs, across tables, fall in collapsing pyramids and much more. The topple takes place on Saturday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m. Visitors are invited to come early to test designs of your own and interact with the experts. All activities free with paid admission and free for members.

Teen Opportunities Fair

Are you the parent of a teen and looking for a one-stop-shop of community resources in Howard County? Plan to attend the Teen Opportunities Fair is Saturday, November 15 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Long Reach High School. This event for ages 11-17 connects youth with organizations that provide volunteer, leadership or recreation services. In previous years' more than 500 teens and their families interacted with a wide variety of vendors. Presenters/exhibitors offered educational, recreational and career planning opportunities.

Beware of Scams During Open Enrollment Season

Howard County Department of Citizen Services is warning both Medicare recipients and residents who qualify for health coverage through Affordable Care Act (ACA) health care exchanges of misleading and sometimes illegal offers of help that may crop up during open enrollment seasons. Open enrollment for Medicare is from October 15 to December 7, 2014. The ACA health exchange enrollment period is from November 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015.

Last year, the Office on Aging was alerted to insurance representatives who made illegal door-to-door "cold calls" to Medicare recipients, pitching supplemental insurance that did not meet their needs. Meanwhile, the Office of Consumer Affairs learned that misleading information about the ACA enrollment period and the penalties for failing to enroll were used to create a sense of urgency so that consumers would make hasty and costly decisions.

This year, the Office on Aging and the Office of Consumer Affairs have joined forces to help consumers identify and avoid health insurance scams. "Avoiding Medicare and Health Insurance Scams during Open Enrollment" is a tip sheet on how to stay safe from the most common scams. Click [here](#) to read the full advisory & a link to the tip sheet.

A Thanksgiving Celebration!

The Howard County Office on Aging invites you to a Thanksgiving Celebration on Thursday, November 13, at Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane in Clarksville. The *Giving Thanks Luncheon and Dance* will feature a festive meal with turkey and all the trimmings, plus a special performance by the Retro Rockets.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 12 noon. Tickets are \$13 per person, and are on sale now at [Howard County Senior Centers](#). Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Howard County Food Bank.

GEN SILENT Documentary Presentations

PFLAG Columbia -Howard County and LGBT Older Adult Task Force of Howard County will host SAGE Metro DC in two free showings of the critically acclaimed documentary, *GEN SILENT*. This film shares the stories of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender older adults who are "so afraid of discrimination by caregivers or bullying by other seniors that many simply go back into the closet."

A discussion by Dr. Imani Woody, Chair of SAGE Metro DC will accompany the film showing on Saturday, November 8, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center and on Thursday, November 20, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at The Bain Center. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Sue Garner at sueginna@gmail.com.

Art Exhibit in Oakland Mills

The Meeting House Gallery presents its holiday exhibit, "Unity Through Diversity". It features the works of: Forest Arnold, Linda Baer, Peter Barbernitz, Barbara Bednarzik, Ron Berkowitz, Stuart Berlin, Dan Brown, Laurie Bulka, Rebecca Canfield, Dan Cohen, Susan Cohen, Gerald Greenbaum, Beryl Little, Sue Nicholson, Linda Pescarmona, Barb Siskind, Etarae Weinstein, Jerry Weinstein, Jeff Zaller, and Roslyn Zinner. The exhibit runs until January 3, 2015. The community is invited to the Meet The Artist Reception on Sunday, November 2 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Meeting House Gallery is located in The Oakland Mills Interfaith Center at 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The gallery is free.



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